

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 5 are pending and stand finally rejected. Reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Claims 1 to 5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,872,931 to Chivaluri for the reasons given in paragraph 3 of the Office Action.

Further, the Examiner states that, "The reference teaches "Each management agent includes alarms and information that defines alarm criteria and enables corrective action to be taken. (col. 2, lines 28-30), and "Alternatively, the corrective scripts can be run by management agents as remote shell execution on a management engine or management interface itself." col. 2, lines 56-58. As such the reference inherently teaches "parsing each of said predetermined ones of said higher level logs to determine their respective sources and triggering execution of said commands in said execution sets in respect of said respective sources". Thus Chivaluri anticipates the claims 1-5.

Applicant respectfully disagrees.

Chivaluri's alarms are defined locally to each management agent. Thus they are a reflection only of the conditions that are present in the devices managed by a single management agent. In contrast, the claims of the present application's recite, inter alia, "means for receiving said status logs and generating higher level logs in response to predetermined rule sets being satisfied", wherein the status logs are generated by network devices and applications. Thus, the claimed system is able to reflect the ability to combine logs detected beyond a single set of managed devices. Network wide conditions can be reflected, and alarm conditions that cannot be detected locally by specific management agents can be detected.

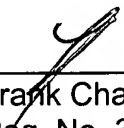
Further, Chivaluri does not teach “generating higher level logs in response to predetermined rule sets being satisfied”. Rather, in column 2, line 65 to column 3 line 3, Chivaluri teaches that “if the management agent continuously detects an alarm condition on a managed computer, the messages are filtered so that the alarm messages sent to the administrator are spaced out over a prescribed period. In other words, the administrator is not flooded with a long sequence of identical alarm messages.”. This indicates that, rather than predetermined rule sets being satisfied, Chivaluri merely spaces out redundant alarms over a prescribed period.

Because of the claimed system’s ability to receive status logs generated by (multiple) network devices and applications, the commands in the execution sets that are triggered by the program means may also be applicable to the broader network and all of its devices, rather than just to the single network device that Chivaluri indicates is able to generate its own alarms: “the management agent is a program running on the managed computer and actually executes the management requests and operations on behalf of the systems administrator. Each management agent includes alarms and information that defines alarm criteria and enables corrective action to be taken. Examples of such alarms include log file error alarms, process alarms indicating the occurrence of defined processes, disc alarms that relate the amount of available space on a disc, hardware failure alarms, performance alarms relating to statistics of computer operating systems and user-defined alarms.” (Chivaluri, column 2, line 25 to 35).

Since Chivaluri does not teach the generation of higher level logs in response to predetermined rules sets being satisfied, either by a single device or the network administration system in respect of multiple network devices and applications, Applicant believes that the presently claimed invention is not anticipated nor rendered obvious by Chivaluri.

For the foregoing reasons, the application including claims 1 to 5 is believed to be in condition for allowance. Early and favourable action is respectfully urged.

Respectfully submitted,



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